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TAGS: OREP (MEISSNER, CHARLES) (MOOSE, RICHARD), LA
SUBJECT: STAFFDEL MOOSE AND MEISSNER

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1. STAFFDEL MOOSE AND MEISSNER ARRIVED VIENTIANE EMBASSY MAY 24 AND SPENT ABOUT 24 HOURS IN LAOS. MISSION REPS BRIEFED STAFFDEL ON FULL RANGE OF PROBLEMS FACING USG IN LAOS AT THIS TIME. STAFFDEL MET FRIDAY WITH AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE, DCM CHAPMAN AND POLITICAL SECTION TO RECEIVE RUNDOWN ON POLITICAL SITUATION. JCRC COLONEL VAUGHN BRIEFED THEM ON STATUS OF MIA/POW PROBLEM; USAID DIRECTOR MANN OUTLINED ECONOMIC SITUATION IN LAOS, WHILE VARIOUS MILITARY PROBLEMS WERE BROACHED BY DATT, GENERAL TREFRY.

2. ON SATURDAY MORNING STAFFDEL MET WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND PLAN, SOTH PHETRASY, WHO IS ALSO SENIOR LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT. THEY DISCUSSED POW/MIA MATTERS IN PARTICULAR. STAFFDEL ALSO MET WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR LE VAN HIEN TO DISCUSS POW/MIA PROBLEM, ALONG WITH OTHER QUESTIONS. SPECIFIC MATTERS DISCUSSED BY STAFFDEL WERE SUBJECT OF SEP TEL (REF).

3. DESPITE BREVITY OF STAFFDEL'S VISIT, IT WAS SMOOTH
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AND PRODUCTIVE. SINCE BOTH STAFFDEL MEMBERS HAVE HAD MUCH

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PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN INDOCHINESE AFFAIRS, THIS VISIT WAS MORE IN NATURE OF UPDATE IN AFTERMATH OF FORMATION OF THE NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION.

4. WE WILL BE SUBMITTING MEMCONS OF CONVERSATIONS BY AIRGRAM.
WHITEHOUSE

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